

I'm writing to express my concern over the proposed rule requiring radio stations to record all programming. While it seems like a workable idea, it places a financial burden on broadcasters, especially those in small markets who are the least likely candidates for indecency, and it doesn't accomplish the intended purpose. While the vast majority of broadcasters will never engage in any sort of indecent programming, those that do will also abuse the rule to record through digital editing or selective equipment failure. How will those abusers then be fined with no proof of indecency? The FCC should be finding ways to reward responsible broadcasters for their community service efforts instead of punishing everyone for the actions of a few.

In Grass Valley, CA, the time and cost to reliably record all on air programming will cause the reduction of and/or the re-assigning of one part-time news person. This will have a direct effect on the number of community stories we can generate.

I urge the FCC not to adopt this ill conceived "quick fix" mandatory recording rule that's all "quick" and no "fix".

Thank you for considering my comments.